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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT OF TONGA INTEREST IN PURCHASE OF
MILITARY VEHICLES
REF: A) CINCPAC 132021Z MAY 77
B) JCS 7171, 202228Z MAY 77

1. DEPARTMENT IS NOT PREPARED AT THIS TIME TO RECOMMEND TO
THE PRESIDENT THAT HE APPROVE THE ADDITION OF TONGA TO THE
LIST OF COUNTRIES ELIGIBLE TO PURCHASE DEFENSE ARTICLES AND
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SERVICES FROM THE USG VIA FOREIGN MILITARY SALES (FMS)
PROCEDURES. RATIONALE FOR THIS DECISION IS TWOFOLD: A)
TONGAN FMS ELIGIBILITY WOULD RUN COUNTER TO THE PRESIDENT'S
POLICY ANNOUNCED MAY 19 TO RESTRAIN TRANSFERS OF MILITARY
EQUIPMENT TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE AND B) STATUTORY CONDITION
OF ELIGIBILITY THAT THE PRESIDENT DETERMINE THAT FMS SALES
TO A COUNTRY "WILL STRENGTHEN THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED

STATES AND PROMOTE WORLD PEACE" WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO MEET WITH RESPECT TO TONGA. INASMUCH AS REFTEL A CONVEYED INTEREST OF TONGA CROWN PRINCE IN PURCHASING VEHICLES, PRESUMABLY JEEPS AND/OR TRUCKS, SUCH COULD BE PROCURED FROM US SUPPLIER THROUGH DIRECT COMMERCIAL CHANNELS. IF DESIRED, DEPARTMENT IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE LIST OF COMMERCIAL SOURCES FOR SUCH TYPE EQUIPMENT NOT ON

MUNITIONS LIST.

2. AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON AUTHORIZED TO INFORM TONGA CROWN PRINCE OF ABOVE. CHRISTOPHER

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